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SUBJECT: ARREST OF AVEROFF

1. ARREST OF AVEROFF EARLY JULY 3 IN VIEW OF HIS DISTINGUISHED
CAREER AS GREEK POLITICAL PERSONALITY, LONG SERVICE AS FOREIGN
MINISTER AND WELL- KNOWN AUTHOR IS BOUND TO PRODUCE PROFOUND
SHOCK AND CRITICAL PUBLIC REACTION AMONG DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS IN
GREECE AND ABROAD.

2. CONFIRMING BRANDIN/ SILVA TELCON, WE HOPE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
CAN MAKE CLEAR STATEMENT FOLLOWING PRECEDENT OF LAST YEAR WHEN
JOHN PEXAMZOGLOU EXILED AFTER SOCIETY FOR STUDY OF EUROPEAN
PROBLEMS DISBANDED. SUCH STATEMENT COULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING
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A. U. S. HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION GOG SHOULD RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. THIS CONTINUES TO BE OUR POSITION. FAILURE OF GOG TO DO SO HAS LED TO UNHAPPY SITUATION IN WHICH DISTINGUISHED POLITICAL FIGURE APPARENTLY FELT COMPELLED TO MAKE MOVE IN INTEREST OF FUTURE OF HIS COUNTRY.

B. U. S. DEEPLY DEPLORES SITUATION.

C. GOG ACTION AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING IT DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE KIND OF UNDERSTANDING ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SOUND AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, RELATIONS THAT ARE IMPORTANT BOTH FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STRONG BILATERAL RELATIONS, AS WELL AS FOR THE COHESIVENESS OF THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY.

D. ARREST OF AVEROFF AT THIS TIME DOES NOT BOLSTER CONFIDENCE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER PAPADOPOULOS ON JUNE 1 OF STEPS TO RETURN GREECE TO NORMAL POLITICAL LIFE WILL LEAD TO THE OBJECTIVES IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE PROFESSES TO BELIEVE.

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